

## A DISCUSSION CONCERNING LODGING

he's the big indian  
trader. he's also an  
ex-smoker.  
you should have  
seen it  
he says.

the car was bent double  
she had been cut  
in half dead  
instantly.

the guy with her  
so drunk  
he's sitting on her  
(he doesn't say which half)  
asking for a cigarette.

an old lady walks  
in  
with something  
to sell.

i know you're an indian  
she says  
you give me same  
when i'm drunk  
when i'm sober.

as she leaves  
he looks back  
at me  
& my cigarette  
and says  
your rent is due.

-- kirk robertson

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